

# Hurricane Preparedness Tips – Mobile Homes

Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to hurricane force winds.

Mobile homeowners must evacuate when the order is given.

## **Mobile homeowners should secure their homes before leaving by:**

- ▶ packing all breakables in well-padded cartons and placing them on the floor of the mobile home.
- ▶ removing bulbs from lamps and taping mirrors.
- ▶ shuttering windows. Tape will only add strength to the window, but will not protect it completely.
- ▶ turning off the water where it enters the home. Open faucets and leave them open. If done correctly, no water should flow.
- ▶ shutting off fuel lines and/or turning off gas bottles at the tanks. Do not disconnect.
- ▶ stowing away or anchoring outside objects such as garbage cans, lawn furniture, etc.
- ▶ minimizing damage by using "over the top" and "frame ties" to anchor the mobile home. "Over the top" keeps the unit from overturning and "frame ties" prevent it from being blown off the supports.
- ▶ arranging for a friend, relative or kennel to take care of pets since Red Cross Shelters will not accept them.
- ▶ listing personal property, furnishings, clothing and valuables. Take photos, both inside and outside, of the structure and contents. This will assist adjusters in settling claims and will help prove uninsured losses, which are tax deductible.

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